



ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY SOUTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS



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This year's Calgary South Christmas Luncheon this year took advantage of the excellent facilities and service at the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club. Much improved parking and a larger facility brought out a large, boisterous crowd. A big thank you to **Toby Oswald-Felker** and **Michael Zacharki** for organizing this most enjoyable event. The food, arrangements and fellowship was appreciated by all.

We were greeted by carolling from the St Mary's Mixed Ensemble, and a very jolly Santa Claus handing out treats. A semi-professional photographer (he even had a camera today) was busy snapping pictures of everybody.

President Murray Flegel, doing an excellent job of herding cats, got everybody seated and welcomed us with his usual history lesson:

- It takes 15 years on average to grow a Christmas tree,
- Canada harvest 5.5 million Christmas trees each year, and
- Today is National Beer Day.

He then led us in O'Canada with the assistance of **Lisa Fernandes**.



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Rev. Don O'Dwyer presented his usual eloquent grace. With Don's permission:

"Please join with me in a simple prayer. God our Father and Creator of all, we come together at this time of year to celebrate the Christmas feast, to spread joy and good will. We are family in Rotary, locally and internationally. No matter what our faith, may we have respect for each other. Within this bond of Rotary we have our goals and no task, with your help, is beyond us. We strive and pray for a world of peace, and a world that is polio free. We desire a world of people who are free to do that which is right, true and fair. We strive for people who will build good will and better friendships which will be beneficial for all concerned. May the food we share in this Rotary fellowship today be blessed. And may God bless us all. Amen."

The head table was introduced; **Arlene Flegel** (the power behind the throne), Incoming President **Ken Farn** and **Pat** (the new power behind the throne), Rotary Partners' President **Maureen Watson**, our Exchange Student, **Annina Arvo**, and guests of the **Farn's**, **Allen** and **Virginia Snyder**, from Winnipeg. Special guests, **Frank Durante**, St Mary's Principal and **Monica Hnatiuk**, Choir Director were also greeted.



President **Murray** thanked **Bill Sumner** for the traditional candy apples that were on every table. **Bill** ensures us that they were not left over from the Stampede! Thanks, **Bill**.

Roxy Acheson constructed the lovely centrepieces on each table.

Thanks, **Roxy**.

Ken Farn proposed a humorous toast to the Partners, but ended on a serious note expressing appreciation for the companionship and support provided by our Partners through the year.

Maureen Watson responded, saying the Partners are proud to be able to assist South Calgary Rotary in its projects and thanking the Club for its support of Partner activities.

Jim Hutchens welcomed all the guests by leading our "Welcome to Rotary" song.





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Anni Arvo and **Corinne Wilkinson** entertained with a well-rehearsed rendition of "T'was the Night Before Christmas", with **Anni** on the words and **Corinne** on the pantomime. Well done, ladies!

Jack Thompson presented **Teri** and **Bill LeClair** with their PHF+8 awards. Congratulations!



Health of the Club: We are advised that **Penny Bower** is in Tom Baker, check with **Rod** about visiting. **Ron Prokosch** has had his operation and was in Foothills (Room 3014), but may be released on Friday.

Glenn Potter introduced the **St Mary's Mixed Ensemble**, directed by **Monica Hnatiuk**, which entertained the crowd with some great sing-along renditions of a number of contemporary Christmas carols. The Ensemble is made up of members from the Concert, Mixed and Lady's choirs. They were accompanied by conductor **Glenn Potter** on key board, **Jim Burns** on accordion, **Dave Marchant** on harmonica, and **Murray Flegel** and **Paul Bailey** on guitar. **Dave** gave us a solo performance of "White Christmas" on the harmonica, (he's a talented guy!), and the group closed by leading us all in "Felice Navidad".

Toby Oswald-Felker thanked **Chef Jeremy Kroli** and all the staff for an excellent luncheon. **President Murray** closed the luncheon with a Merry Christmas to all.

**Merry Christmas to all from
the Bulletin Committee.**



RCCS: NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

"The following proposed new member has been approved by the Board of Directors. If any Member objects to her joining our Club or to the assigned classification an objection must be filed in writing and delivered to the Club Secretary by: December 24th, 2015

Name: Wendy Guiffre

Proposed by Bryan Walton Seconded by Toby Oswald Felker

Classification: Human Resource Coach/Small Business

RCCS: CANDID CHRISTMAS PHOTOS





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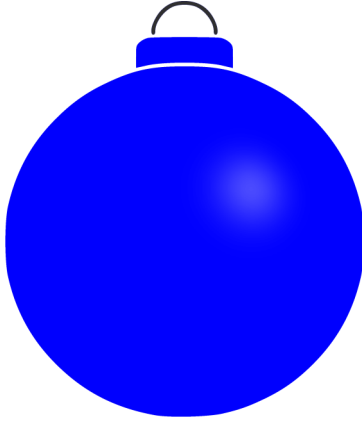


ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY SOUTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PICS





Calgary South Rotary and the Food Bank Celebrate Christmas Together



As we can all imagine, the Food Bank will be a busy place this holiday season. Calgary South Rotary, in its typical giving and generous fashion, is once again a part of it.

We have two days of volunteering lined up – Tuesday, December 22 and Wednesday, December 23.

The shift time for both days is 2:45 pm – 5:30 pm. Both shifts are on

the distribution lines, meaning we are serving the clients directly, and helping pack their Christmas hampers. It is extremely well organized, with each person taking a role on the line. We simply place items in their hampers as it moves along the belt, and exchange merry greetings with the families who move with their hamper. Some of us help get the groceries to their vehicles.

We need 7 more volunteers for both December 22 and 23. There are a total of 18 Rotarians working each day. You can sign up to help by contacting Corinne Wilkinson at: corinne@whitehathospitality.com or phone at 403 471 2101 specifying which day you would prefer.

In addition, our club also collects donations for the Food Bank, for which you will receive a tax receipt. Those funds are passed on directly to the Food Bank. Corinne will be set up to take donations on December 17 at Rotary House. We will have the Moneris machine there for those wishing to use credit cards.

Thanks everyone for all you do for our community, especially during this holiday season when we can help those who need us most.

Corinne Wilkinson



2015 RCCS: CALENDAR, HEALTH AND TRANSPORTATION

DECEMBER 2015

- Dec 17 Christmas Social
Dec 24 NO MEETING DUE TO CHRISTMAS
Dec 31 NO MEETING DUE TO NEW YEAR'S EVE



JANUARY 2016

- Jan 7 Mid Year State of the Union Address
Jan 14 CNS: Youth Justice Presentation
Jan 21 Robbie Burns Day
Jan 28 Social Committee Presentation



FEBRUARY 2016

- Feb 4 Honorable Brian Jean: Leader of Opposition
Feb 5 Larry Kwong Chinese New Year Dinner: Regency Palace
Feb 11 Valentine's Day Lunch: Dr. Brian Keating: "Love in the Wild"
At Rotary House this year
Feb 18 Blair MacNichol: Operation Eyesight
Feb 25 Kelsey Claeyes: Between Friends



MARCH 2016

- March 3 Legends Series: Reclassification Talk
March 10 To be announced
March 17 St. Patrick's Day
March 24 To be announced
March 31 Jay Ingram: Beakerhead



APRIL 2016

- April 7 To be announced
April 14 Steve Allen (Chair): Calgary Economic Development
April 21 New Members Auction: Danish Canadian Club
April 28 To be announced

MAY 2016

- May 5 Ian Anderson: Transmountain Pipeline
May 12 Linda Powell: STARS Air Ambulance
May 19 To be announced
May 26 Stay In School Luncheon: Carriage House



HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Contact Earl Huson at: 403 686 0828 or:
ehuslink@telusplanet.net if you know of anyone that is not well or is there
anyone you know that could use a visit.



TRANSPORTATION: Contact Gui Salazar at: (403) 875 5146 (Cell) or (403)
281 9719 (Home) if you know of anyone that may need a ride to meetings



Our recent "Feed The Hungry" Dinner was again a great success. Thank you to everyone that participated and your time and effort is always appreciated.

Harry Pelton,
Feed The Hungry Committee





UPCOMING FIRESIDE FOR NEW MEMBERS ...

Dear Eligible Rotarians

We will be having a "**Fireside**" for:

- ◇ New Members inducted this 2015/2016 Rotary Year including their spouse/partner and their sponsor.
- ◇ Members from last year who have never attended a Fireside, and spouse/partner as well as sponsors
- ◇ President and Board of Directors and their spouses
- ◇ President of the Partners
- ◇ Members of the Fireside Committee and spouses



We usually have only one Fireside each Rotary year, and that will probably be next March or April at the Calgary Golf and Country Club

Plans will be made and notice given in time so that as many as possible can make arrangements to attend.

The purpose of Fireside is quite traditional: getting acquainted, having fellowship (around some refreshments) being introduced to the purposes and potential values of our Rotary membership. Our mottos, standards, and purposes will be emphasized

Thank you,

Peter Penner, Chair: Fireside Committee

Please email me at: justpen@telus.net if you have any questions



ANNI'S ADVENTURES

Hi and Merry Christmas!

So as I told you we had a tournament in Langley, BC. We got bronze! We were pretty good even though we were so disappointed that we couldn't make our way to the final game. I also got MVP in one game! But anyways, the whole weekend was great! One day we went to White Rock to see the ocean. It was so beautiful and I totally fell in love to BC. (I'm not trying to think about the moment when I fell in to a goose poop at White Rock Beach) Everything was just so green and trees in Langley were huge. Last day we went to Vancouver to Granville Island. The pretty little shops and the boats and the whole view was just so awesome! I tasted the maple fudge for the first time and it was sooo good. Our next tournament is on next weekend from Friday to Sunday and our next normal game is on Monday 14th in Southland leisure centre at 7.30. As always you are very welcome to see the game.

Last Thursday I was in our Club's Christmas Party. Thanks for Corinne for asking me to read the Twis the night before Christmas with her pantomime. It was fun to read it despite of that I couldn't say all the words correctly. And I think many others had also fun when we were singing together with the awesome band that we had. They were wonderful.

Now I'm heading to the Flames vs. Rangers game with Corinne, Arlene and Murray. Go Flames!

-Anni





PARTNERS IN PRINT

I had the opportunity to attend the Rotary Club of Calgary South Annual Christmas Luncheon and it was such an enjoyable afternoon.

The Spirit of Christmas was in the air. Here is a photo of a few of our Partners enjoying the day!!



*Maureen Watson,
Partners President*

Partners Potluck

Ellen Smith has kindly offered to host a potluck lunch on Dec. 17th. Several scenarios were entertained but this seems to be the best. Please let me know if you would be able to attend and what you would be willing to bring. I think salads, appetizers, deserts, wine, buns, would be the best categories. Please email me or call and leave a message if I am out.



Submitted by: Susan Brick



WIENS BLOG AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Hi Friends,

This last blog from our latest Colombian visit takes you to Monteria, Tunja, and Ibaguè where Bob and his visitor, a CAWST consultant, held training sessions with community groups engaged in water filter projects.

Visit this blog at:

www.capdcalgary.org/blog

to read about people engaged in helping others access clean water.

Submitted by: Marlene Wiens



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